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A Famous Victorie

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By Sir WILLIAM WALLER, against the Lord HERBERT and the Welch Cavaliers in the Forrest of *Deane* in the County of *Glouceſter*, where ſix hundred of the Welchmen were ſlaine, and a thouſand taken priſoners by the Parliaments Forces, the ſaid Lord *Herbert* Generall of *South-Wales* being ſlain.

ALSO

A true Relation of the whole Proceedings of the ſaid Sir William Waller *in that County, ſhewing in what manner he faced* Ciceſter, *and what ſtratagem he and Colonell* Maſſey *(who is Governour of* Glouceſter*) uſed when they obtained this victory againſt the Welch, with the number of men which have been loſt by Sir* William Waller, *and what ſtrength he hath.*

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A Famous Victory obtained by Sir WILLIAM WALLER againſt the Lord HERBERT and the Welch Cavaliers in the Forreſt of DEANE.

UPon occaſion of the great victory which Sir William Waller obtained this weeke againſt the L. Herbert (the Earl of Worceſters eldeſt ſon, a great Papiſt) and his Welch Cavaliers in the County of Glouceſter, I ſhall not ſo much varie from the matter, as I ſhould injure the worth of that noble Gentleman, if I ſhould ſpeak a word or two in the firſt place of the circuit which he hath gone, and how wonderfully God hath bleſſed him with good ſucceſſe ſince his laſt ſetting forth, it being ſufficiently known to the world, what ſingular ſervice he did before for the King and Parliament in the Weſt Countrey.

Although at his advancing from Gilford in the County of Surrey, he was not accommodated with ſuch conſiderable Forces as was deſired, yet ſuch hath been the good ſucceſſe of this worthy Knight, together with the affection of the Country People to the cauſe, that when he came to Salisbury, he was about 4000. ſtrong, and from thence marching to Briſtoll he was 5000. ſtrong, which being a conſiderable force to f l : pon ſome good Deſign, he advanced with his forces from thence to Malmesbury, where he was ingaged in a hot ſervice, he ſate down before the place the 22. of this March, a little after Noon, and at his firſt comming, the Kings forces ſhewed themſelves under the ſide of a wood, neer the Town, but upon the firſt proffer of a charge, they retired towards Cicester, whereupon he fell to worke of the Town, and in the skirts of the outward Town, where were Gardens walled in, from whence the Enemy played upon the Parliaments Forces, but within halfe an houre they were beaten from thence, and Sir William Wallers forces entred the lovver tovvne, and kept poſſeſsion thereof, driving the enemy into the upper tovvn, vvhich they

they had fortified; and falling upon the Weſt part, in vvhich they had caſt up a breſt-vvorke, and planted a peece of Ordnance: vvherupon Sir William Waller advanced tvvo Drakes, and under that favour his Musketiers poſſeſſed themſelves of ſome houſes neer the port, from vvhence they galled the enemy very ſore, and ſo continuing an hot fight for a vvhile, at laſt he vvas forced to give over for vvant of ammunition, the maine part vvhereof vvas unlnckily ſtayed behinde by a miſchance of the cariage, and could not come up till the next morning,

Bnt that the enemy might not perceive this defect of ammunition, tovvards morning he cauſed all the drums to beat, and trumpets to ſound, dravving both horſe and foot out into the ſtreet, as in preparation to an aſſault, vvhich gave the enemy ſuch apprehenſion, that immediately they ſent out a Drum, and craved a parley, yeelded upon quarter, and gave him entrance about ſeven a clock in the morning: they vvere about 300. foot and a troup of horſe, but the horſe vvhich ſhevved themſelves neer the tovvn at his firſtcoming, ſhifted avvay, vvithout

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making any attempt againſt the Parliaments Forces. At this town Sir W. Waller took priſoners Col. Herbert Lunsford, Col. Cook, Lievtenant Colonell Dabridgecourt, Sergeant Major Finch, ſix Captains, ſix Lievtenants, ſix Enſigns, one Cornet and foure Quartermaſters, beſides the ordinary ſouldiers, part whereof were ſent to Glouceſter, and the reſt to Briſtoll.

Having ſetled this town in quiet, and left a conſiderable force to defend the ſame, he advanced with his forces towards Ciceſter, where were 700. foot, and 300. horſe and Dragoons of the Kings Forces, and whether he entred into the Town or no, I will not ſtand now to expoſtulate; for it is rather thought that he made no attempt againſt it, aiming at a greater victory, which he would not neglect for taking a town of ſo ſmall importance: for it is reported for a truth that he onely faced the town; but whileſt he looked on that town, he rowed towards the Forreſt of Deane, where was the L. Herbert before-mentioned with about 2000. Welchmen which came over the river of Severne at Roſſe bridge, ſince they received that great defeat when they aſſaulted Glouceſter.

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And to make this intended victory (which was afterwards obtained) the more complete, Sir W. Waller gave notice of this deſigne to Col. Maſſey, who is governour of Glouceſter, with directions for him at ſuch a time to iſſue forth with a conſiderable party from thence on the other ſide of the river, being the time which he intended to fall upon the Welch forces: which buſineſſe on both ſides being purſued with effect (according to the moſt certain relation) fell out to be thus. Sir W. Waller ſuddenly returning from about Ciceſter, and with a ſpeedy march coming to Deane, fell upon the Welchmen, who at the firſt ſeemed to make ſtrange of running away, and therefore for a while fought very manfully till about ſix hundred of them were ſlain, and neer a thouſand taken priſoners, ſo that very few could eſcape to the mountains to bring tidings of her countreys valour. They alſo loſt all their arms and ammunition, with good ſtore of horſe: many Commanders were ſlain, and the reſt were for the moſt part taken priſoners, and it is reported that the L. Herbert himſelf is ſlain. The priſoners are diſpoſed of as thoſe which were taken

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at Malmesbury: for some were sent to Glouceſter, and the reſt to Briſtoll.

And it is further informed, that notwithſtanding thoſe great overthrows before mentioned were not obtained without hazzard and difficulty, yet the laid Sir William Waller hath not loſt in all above 60. of his men ſince he firſt went forth, which is a thing very obſervable.

The ſum of this Relation is received with much credit, though the particulars thereof as yet are not certainly known: for the party that brought this relation came away poſt as ſoone as the victory was obtained, before the particular knowledge thereof could appeare to thoſe that were in the Action, but within few dayes when Letters come out of thoſe parts, there wil be a more full and exact Relation of this buſineſſe.

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